

the Department of State (particularly the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs and the Office of the Legal Adviser).

I shall continue to report periodically to the Congress on significant developments, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c).

**William J. Clinton**

The White House,  
April 12, 1994.

### **Message to Congress on the Panama Canal Commission**

*April 12, 1994*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 3522 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993 (Public Law 102-484; 22 U.S.C. 3611 note), I transmit herewith the recommendations for changes to the Panama Canal Commission. I have determined that the adoption of these recommendations would facilitate and encourage the operation of the Canal through an autonomous entity under the Government of Panama after the transfer of the waterway on December 31, 1999, pursuant to the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related agreements.

In accordance with the law cited above, an extensive study of the governance and financial management structure of the Panama Canal Commission was conducted. The study and its recommendations were then considered and discussed among representatives of the Departments of State, Defense, the Treasury, Commerce, Transportation, and Justice, as well as the Panama Canal Commission. The study, and the process that followed it, formed the basis for my recommendations, which are contained in the attached document.

**William J. Clinton**

The White House,  
April 12, 1994.

### **Nomination for Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation**

*April 12, 1994*

The President today announced his intention to nominate Dr. Anne C. Petersen as

Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation. She will be the first woman to serve in one of the two top management posts at the Foundation in its 44-year history.

"I am pleased today to name a leading scientist and administrator to our experienced team of science and technology leaders," the President said. "Anne Petersen has impeccable scientific standing as a social scientist with strong research capabilities in mathematics and statistics. She also is an outstanding administrator with a significant track record as a dean at two major universities, Penn State and the University of Minnesota."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

### **Nomination for an Associate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia**

*April 12, 1994*

The President has nominated Rhonda Reid Winston to serve on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

"Rhonda Winston's solid legal background and dedication to justice will be a great asset to the DC Superior Court and the Nation's Capital," the President said.

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

### **Nomination for U.S. Attorney for Alabama**

*April 12, 1994*

The President today nominated Redding Pitt, a veteran of the Alabama attorney general's office, to be U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama.

"Redding Pitt's extensive experience in the field of law and his knowledge of Alabama will make an inestimable contribution to the State and to the country's judicial system," the President said.

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.